

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 58th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

SUB-COMMITTEE ON TAXATION - SB 465 & SB 378

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN BOB STORY JR.**, on March 25, 2003 at 11:25 A.M., in Room 405 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Bob Story Jr., Vice Chairman (R)
Sen. Jerry W. Black (R)
Sen. Ken Toole (D)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Lee Heiman, Legislative Branch
Shirley Herrin, Committee Secretary

Others Present:

Gregg Petsch, Legislative Fiscal Division
John Morrison, State Auditor
Andy Poole, Department of Commerce

Video-taped Committee: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. A video-taped recording of the meeting is available from the Montana Historical Society.

Committee Business Summary:

Discussion On: SB 465

**CHAIRMAN BOB STORY moved amendments SB046501.agp
EXHIBIT (tas63b01) .**

Greg Petesch, Legislative Fiscal Division addressed the amendments.

Discussion:

Begin

11:32 John Morrison, State Auditor, addressed the committee.
SEN. STORY asked if the Board would conduct another review within one year.

11:34 John Morrison explained No. 10 on the amendments.

CHAIRMAN STORY called for a motion to recommend the amendment with the corrections and without No. 10 moved to the full committee. **SEN. KEN TOOLE** so moved. Vote: The motion carried unanimously.

CHAIRMAN STORY then moved on to SB 378. He said there are two sets of amendments, the 01 set was proposed by the Department of Commerce and agreed to by the sponsor. **SEN. TOOLE** moved the amendment SB037801.agp **EXHIBIT (tas63b02)**. There was not a discussion on the amendment. Vote: the motion carried unanimously.

CHAIRMAN STORY then moved another set of amendments SB037802.agp **EXHIBIT (tas63b03)**. Gregg Petesch explained the amendments using the yellow sheet that was handed out **EXHIBIT (tas63b04)**.

Discussion:

A discussion was held regarding holding an audit or having a review.

SEN. SAM KITZENBERG, sponsor of the bill, responded to questions during the meeting.

Andy Poole, Department of Commerce, stated that the amendments all seem to work together, however, he would ask the committee to study, on Page 4, the section about what a qualified business is.

CHAIRMAN STORY stated they need an amendment to address the premium tax credit, and they took No. 14 out. Mr. Poole explained amendment 16 on EXHIBIT 2, page 5, line 15.

Vote: The motion to pass amendment SB037802.agp carried unanimously.

11:55 **SEN. KITZENBERG** said he was a little confused about the two amendments. He said the two concerns that were raised to today were (1) Auditing - and he is a believer in auditing and (2) This was for investments in small companies and not to be as broad based as Mr. Poole seemed to indicate.

CHAIRMAN STORY asked **SEN. KITZENBERG** to determine exactly how he wants to define those issues and bring it to the full committee for executive action.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 12:04 P.M.

SEN. BOB STORY, JR., Chairman

SHIRLEY HERRIN, Secretary

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